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introduced by the committee raises the cost of permits necessary to fish commercially in the State of Nebraska. Most commercial fishing is done on the Missouri River and the fees would be raised as follows: The first five hundred feet of net, the resident from \$25 to \$65, the nonresident from \$60 to \$130. Each additional five hundred feet of net, resident \$5 to \$20, nonresident \$10 to \$40. For additional hoopnets, wing nets, fish traps, or other devices permitted by the Commission the resident will be raised from \$5 to \$2 each and the nonresident from \$10 to \$4 each. LB 73 also creates a nonresident bait vendors permit which as amended would cost \$150. A bait vendors permit allows a person, and we are talking about a nonresident, to harvest and sell minnows, crayfish, salamanders and striped and leopard frogs. A higher price is proposed for the nonresident bait vendors permit because nonresidents are coming into Nebraska and harvesting large amounts of bait, especially salamanders and are taking it out of Nebraska to sell. At present there is no price difference between resident and nonresident bait vendor permits. Both cost \$25. LB 73 would also allow the Games and Parks Commission to regulate the taking of nongame fish by spearing or bow and arrow. Games and Parks, on this regulatory power, is the same degree of power that is overregulating the taking of other classes of animals. This provision is needed because the present statute merely states that the taking of nongame fish by spearing of bow and arrow may be done between sunrise and sunset. Thank you very much and I urge the members of this Legislature to advance LB 73 from General File to E & R initial.

SENATOR CLARK: The question before the House is the advancement of LB 73 to E & R. Is there any discussion? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: LB 73 is advanced. LB 74.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 74 was introduced by the Constitutional Revision and Recreation Committee and signed by its members. (Title read.) The bill was read on January 9 of this year. It was referred to the Constitutional Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Labeledz.